

Delta Independent Science Board Report

Summary: Dr. Jeffrey Mount will report on the Delta Independent Science Board's December 1-2 public meeting.

Delta Independent Science Board – (Delta ISB)

Dr. Mount will brief the Council on the Delta ISB's recent public meeting, held on December 1-2, 2011.

The Delta ISB is required by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009 to:

“...provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta through periodic reviews of each of those programs...” (WC 85280 (a)(3))

The Board began its review at its October 20-21, 2011 meeting by engaging in discussions with scientists, engineers, and economists who work in the Delta in the areas of water supply reliability, water quality, the Delta ecosystem, risk reduction, and the Delta as an evolving place.

At the December meeting, the Delta ISB continued its inquiry by discussing with decision-makers (1) the usefulness of Delta science in decision- and policy-making processes, and (2) the ways the organization and operation of Delta science could be improved to more effectively address their concerns. Attendees, who are listed in Attachment 1, included representatives from state and federal agencies, stakeholders, and elected officials. Attachment 2 lists the specific questions posed by the Delta ISB.

The Delta ISB will prepare a memo for the Council and others that summarizes what it learned during the October and December meetings and describes its plans for 2012.

The Delta ISB meeting notices and materials are posted online at:
<http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/science-board/isb-meetings>

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: List of Attendees
Attachment 2: List of Questions

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